

## House Resolution No. 416

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge a momentous milestone in the life of one of the Show-Me State's most beloved senior citizens; and

**Whereas**, Zerita Meeks, a treasured resident of Memphis, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her Ninetieth Birthday on February 8, 2004, with a festive celebration and Open House to be held at the Scotland County Care Center; and

**Whereas**, Zerita Meeks came into this world on February 10, 1914, as the tiny infant daughter born to proud and loving parents Elmer and Addie Wright, who welcomed her into their hearts as a precious gift from God; and

**Whereas**, Zerita embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in her life when she married her beloved Perry R. Meeks, a kind and loving gentleman who enjoyed every moment of her company until his passing from this world; and

**Whereas**, Zerita Meeks compiled an enviable list of service to her community through the important roles she played as a member of the First Christian Church, Greensburg Lodge #258 Order of the Eastern Star, and Colony Chapter #543 Order of the Eastern Star, of which she has served as Worthy Matron for four years and has been a member for fifty years; and

**Whereas**, Zerita Meeks derives a tremendous amount of satisfaction from spending time with her wonderful family which includes her five children, Hollis D. Meeks, Jewel Skelton, Perry "Dick" Meeks, Nancy Barnes, and Virginia Meeks; and her twelve grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, Zerita Meeks considers herself fortunate for the numerous blessings in her life and takes comfort in her memories of friends and loved ones who continue to hold a special place in her heart:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and birthday greetings to Zerita Meeks as she proudly celebrates ninety years of achievement, and in wishing her tremendous peace, prosperity, and contentment as she continues her journey along life's path; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri nonagenarian Zerita Meeks, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Brian Munzlinger  
District No. 1

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 416, adopted February 5, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker

